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Docket No.

Jim Miller-01

# Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

## English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Improved Automatic Fish Hook and Method of Use

the specification of which

(check one)

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application No. or PCT International

Application Number \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability, as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 385(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 385(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Not Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U. S. C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(e) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C. F. R., Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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# Assignment of Rights, Title and Interest in Invention (Multiple inventors; single assignee)

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## Notarization

(Although notarization is not necessary, it will be considered prima facie evidence of execution pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 261.)

Executed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year 2000

at

State of Louisiana  
Parish of Lafourcade

*James J. Miller*  
(Signature of Inventor)

Before me personally appeared James J. Miller who acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be a free act and deed and also represented that he or she is authorized to execute the same this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year 2000.

*Deanna D. [Signature]*  
(Notary Public)

Executed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year 2000

State of Louisiana  
County of Lafourcade

*Francis E. Charbonnet*  
(Signature of Inventor)

Before me personally appeared Francis E. Charbonnet, IV who acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be a free act and deed and also represented that he or she is authorized to execute the same this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year 2000.

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